

SCORES DEAD
IN GREAT FIRELarge Section of Michigan is
in Grave Danger

SEVERAL TOWNS WIPED OUT

A Relief Train Sent to Metz Went Off
the Iron and Seventeen Persons
in It Are Known to Have
Perished.

Detroit, Oct. 16.—Alpena dispatchers say that Millersburg, a town of 850 population, has been completely destroyed by fire and the whereabouts of the inhabitants is unknown. Two relief trains from Alpena were forced to turn back by the flames. The whole of northern and eastern Michigan is burning in spots. There are grave fears for several thousand persons. All hope for the town of Metz is given up here. Railroad officials here have taken hold of the situation, trying to devise a means for getting relief to the burning sections.

It is feared that several score perished in the burning of a relief train from Metz which ran off the track three miles from the town. Fourteen women and children are known to be burned to death already. Among the dead also are the engineer, the fireman and a brakeman of the relief train who stuck by it and labored to get it back on the track. The women and children were burned in a box car.

One refugee who got through on a relief train from Alpena says that only a few from Metz escaped. The wires are down and there is little definite information. The town of Bolton is destroyed and Pults is in grave danger. A shift of the wind has saved Alpena. The flames are under control but several buildings are burning. Men who worked all night fighting the flames collapsed when the wind shifted. They fell asleep in the streets. The fire has now passed beyond the Millersburg-Metz district.

SEVENTH FIRE VICTIM.

Charred Body of W. C. Barney Found
in Elevator Ruins at Richmond.

Richmond, Oct. 16.—Workmen yesterday recovered all that remained of the body of William C. Barney, one of the victims of the grain elevator catastrophe, which caused the death of 15 persons on Oct. 7. This makes seven bodies found so far. Identification was made possible by means of some steel rods which he was known to have had with him when last seen in the building. The body was buried late in the afternoon.

The fire in the grain is still burning and it will probably be several days before it finally burns itself out.

PREMATURE EXPLOSION
KILLED SEVEN MENMany Others Were Injured at Ingleside,
Colo., Lime Quarry, Many of Whom
Will Die It Is Believed.

Fort Collins, Colo., Oct. 16.—Seven men are reported killed and 23 others injured, some fatally, as the result of a premature explosion at the Ingleside lime quarry, 18 miles from here yesterday afternoon.

All the injured were removed to the hospital at Fort Collins in a special train.

The blast went off in the face of 40 men. Many of them were hurled 200 feet. The explosion was heard for miles. Bandagers and their wives for miles around rushed to the scene and gave succor to the injured.

MRS. TUCKER DROPS CASE.

Had Charge Quashed So Grand Jury
Can Take It Up.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Mrs. William F. Tucker, through her counsel, yesterday withdrew from court the charge of wife abandonment recently filed against her husband, Col. William F. Tucker, United States army.

Attorney Pearson, Mrs. Tucker's legal adviser, stated that the case had been quashed in the municipal court in order to clear the way for grand jury action.

A BIG SLAUGHTER
IN ELECTION RIOTMonarchists and Republicans Clashed at
Azambuja, Spain, Today—Twenty
Three People Killed.

Lisbon, Oct. 16.—Twenty-three persons killed or mortally wounded and 40 were seriously hurt today in a riot at Azambuja during the municipal election primaries. Smaller outbreaks between the members of the two parties are reported from other towns.

QUARRIES SALE CONFIRMED.

Judge Lowell Sanctions Purchase of
Milford Granite Property.

Boston, Oct. 16.—Judge Lowell of the U. S. circuit court yesterday confirmed the sale at public auction of certain property of the Milford pink granite quarries company to Alexander M. White. The property sold consisted of the Britain land in Milford and personal property except leases held by Norcross Bros. and the Milford stone company.

The price paid was \$200,000. The sale was conducted by a receiver who was appointed on a bill filed by the Franklin trust company of New York, a creditor to the extent of \$340,000. The trust company has other claims worth \$140,000, making up the amount due it.

ONE KILLED AND ONE
HURT AT CROSSINGElectric Car Hits Wagon Near Augusta,
Me., Hurling The Occupants
Many Yards.

Augusta, Me., Oct. 16.—Harold Martin of Winthrop was instantly killed and J. O. Stewart, also of Winthrop, was seriously injured at Dudley's crossing on the Winthrop branch of the Lewiston, Augusta & Waterville railway yesterday afternoon, by being struck by a combination express and passenger car, going toward Winthrop. Stewart was taken to the Augusta city hospital and last night hope was given of his recovery, although he suffered a fracture of the right thigh, received severe cuts on the face and scalp wounds.

The regular motorman, Joseph King, because of the fact that he had been overtime of late, had relinquished the operation of the car to H. S. Spear, the conductor, at the time of the accident.

Martin and Stewart were driving leisurely over the crossing when the crash came. Martin was thrown a distance of 60 feet, breaking his back, while Stewart was thrown a distance of 50 feet into a ditch. The wagon was demolished. Help was summoned from this city, and Coroner Henry W. Plummer was called. The coroner will hold an inquest tomorrow.

HUNTER FOUND
DEAD IN THE WOODSCummings Was Shot Through Body—
Bethel, Me., Man Supposed to
Have Been Mistaken for Deer.

Bethel, Me., Oct. 16.—The authorities were notified yesterday of a mysterious death which occurred in Magalloway plantation, a sparsely settled region near Lake Umbagog, in extreme northern part of Oxford county, 50 miles north of Bethel and near the Quebec boundary line.

Wednesday night Herbert W. Cummings of this town, who was on a hunting trip, was found dead in the woods half a mile from his camp by a man named Hart, who was on his way home from a shooting trip.

Cummings had been shot through the body and it is supposed that he was mistaken for a deer by a hunter. Cummings left here several days ago with his brother, Frank, and a man named Boobier. According to the meager information received here Herbert Cummings started on one trail and the others on another.

That night Frank Cummings and Boobier, upon returning to their camp, found Hart and the body of Herbert Hart a mile distant, and that the man could not have been killed by his own rifle, as it contained an unexploded shell.

The county attorney ordered the body to be brought to Bethel, where an inquest will be held.

PETER ABDICATES
SERVIAN THRONEIs Report Which Has Reached London,
But Which Has Not Yet Been
Confirmed.

London, Oct. 16.—King Peter has secretly abdicated his throne and fled from Serbia, according to a report which reached here today. It lacks verification but the efforts of the Be-grade correspondents of the London papers to find King Peter have proved fruitless.

MAY GO TO PITTSBURG.

Thaw Plans to Make Trip to Testify in
Bankruptcy Case.

New York, Oct. 16.—It was announced last night that Harry E. Thaw may possibly go to Pittsburgh next Sunday morning or soon after to testify in connection with the bankruptcy proceedings now pending against him in that city. This information was given out after a conference had been held by Dr. Amos T. Baker, assistant superintendent of the Mattewan hospital for the criminal insane, where Thaw is confined, and Col. Asa Bird Gardner, special deputy attorney general appointed to take charge of the Thaw case in behalf of the state.

Col. Gardner says that the Thaw representatives have promised not to put any obstacle in the way of having Thaw returned to New York in case he appears in Pittsburgh, and as this was his main contention against the prisoner taken there, Col. Gardner says he does not see how he can successfully oppose the writ issued by the Pennsylvania federal court, commanding the production of Thaw in that court at Pittsburgh.

WILL MEET IN RUTLAND.

Vermont Association of Fire Under-
writers Agents.

The executive committee of the Vermont association of local fire insurance agents met yesterday afternoon at the Pavilion hotel in Montpelier to perfect arrangements for the annual meeting to be held Thursday, November 5, at Rutland. Those present yesterday were: L. D. Taylor of Brattleboro; F. E. Alfred of Newport, president of the association; F. L. Bingham of Bradford, secretary; G. H. Page of Barre and H. H. Black of Burlington. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at the Berkwick house in the afternoon to be followed by a banquet in the evening. Invited guests from the national association will be present and an invitation has been extended to Frank Locke, United States manager of the Atlas association. It is also expected that E. T. Beardsley of the national association, F. H. Battellona of the New England association and H. H. Putnam of New York, secretary of the national association will attend.

St. Albans Man Bankrupt.

Rutland, Oct. 16.—Henry Barnes of St. Albans, a fireman, has filed a petition with F. S. Platt of this city, clerk of the United States court. He has liabilities of \$418 and assets of \$200, all exempt.

HEARST SUED
FOR \$600,000Governor Haskell is the Com-
plainant

A SENSATIONAL SERVICE

Deputy Sheriff Battered Down the Door
of the Hearst Compartment in
Train—Hearst Reiterates His
Statements.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 16.—Ignoring the protesting screams of Mrs. Hearst, who was disrobing for the night, a deputy sheriff smashed in the door of the editor's compartment on a Union Pacific train here at midnight and served him with papers in a \$600,000 suit for slander and libel, brought by Governor Haskell of Oklahoma. Later Mr. Hearst gave out this statement: "Haskell adopted a sensational method of breaking into my stateroom, but did not adopt the sincere method of settling the trial before the election. I am called to answer on November 18. I reiterate what I have said of Mr. Haskell. I do not believe this case will ever come to trial, and I defy him to bring it to trial long enough before November 3 for his true character to be thoroughly exposed by the court."

DIDN'T SEEK OFFICE
TOOK TRY AS DUTYLetters Revealed Which Show How Taft
Entered The Contest For The
Presidency.

New York, Oct. 16.—What is construed as one of the most skillful moves yet made by the Republican national campaign managers took the form today of the publication of letters between President Roosevelt and Candidate Taft on the subject of the latter's becoming a presidential candidate. The letters are taken from advance proof sheets of Hampton's Broadway magazine and are said to be authentic. They apparently show that far from seeking the office Taft only consented from a sense of duty. All the New York morning papers but the World print the letters.

COUNTING ON NEBRASKA.

Bryan Thinks the Majority for Him Will
Be Larger Than in 1896.

Plattsburgh, Neb., Oct. 16.—W. J. Bryan closed his three days' speaking tour of his home state with a large meeting in this city last night, and said he felt that Nebraska could be safely counted in the Democratic column this year by a larger majority than he received in 1896, which was 13,000. It was a notable day in point of the number of speeches made, the size of the crowds addressed, and the vigorous manner in which he spoke to his audience.

GIVE UP ALL HOPE
FOR TWO BALLOONSTwo German Entries in The Interna-
tional Contest Are Thought to
Have Dropped Into The Sea.

Berlin, Oct. 16.—Practically no doubt remains that the German balloons Negerzell and Plauen have fallen into the sea and the aeronauts drowned. The balloons had enough gas to keep them aloft only 48 hours and if they had alighted on land word would have been received from them not later than Thursday morning.

AS SEEN IN BARRE.

"The Devil" Afforded Some Good Acting
in a Piece of Doubtful Popular Favor.

If one could stand the occasional jarring note of the piece itself, he could say to the full the acting by the company which presented Frantz Mohr's "The Devil," under adaptation of Oliver Herford, at the Barre opera house last evening. The manner of presentation of the play was quite satisfactory; the play itself failed to find favor among many of the audience because of its dominating and unmasked brutality. Ramsey Walker, who starred in the part of "The Devil," was a smooth, slick, ingratiating personage, in fact, all that the part is supposed to carry with it. Wallace certainly made a hit in the role of making a hit in so lugubrious a part could be considered possible. There was a polish of perfection in every move, every gesture, every word, every shrug of the shoulder, every upturn of the eye. He was always master of the role itself, as he was always the master of the people over whom he cast his wiled, uncanny spell. Elizabeth Murray, as Mrs. Olga Hoffman, and James Rennie, as "Karl Mahler," the artist, who went the devil's chief dupes, were well suited to their parts. The remainder of the cast was acceptable. The stage setting was good and the costumes beautiful.

FALSELY IMPRISONED.

Was the Finding in Franklin County
Court Case.

St. Albans, Oct. 16.—The arguments in the case of Siegmund Bloch vs. C. W. Reagan, for alleged damages and for false imprisonment, which has been on at Franklin county court for several days, were made yesterday morning, and the case went to the jury in the morning. In the afternoon the jury brought in a verdict of \$500 damages for Mr. Bloch. Court has adjourned until next Monday, and after two days' session will take final adjournment and what business is left undone Tuesday night will be over until the next term of court.

TEACHERS LISTEN
TO VARIOUS PAPERSThe 59th Annual Convention of the State
Teachers' Association Being Held
at Rutland This Week.

Rutland, Oct. 16.—This was the big day of the 59th annual convention of the Vermont State Teachers' association, which opened yesterday afternoon in this city to last until Saturday noon. There was a session with an address this morning, the afternoon was devoted to departmental work, and this evening the teachers will listen to impersonations by Leland T. Powers of Boston from "The Taming of the Shrew" and "Monsieur Beaucaire." Between 5:30 and 7 o'clock comes the annual banquet of the Vermont Schoolmasters' club and the reception to the Vermont Schoolmistresses' club. The morning session opened with devotional exercises in charge of the Rev. Dr. Milford H. Smith of this city. The principal event of the morning was an address by Hon. Andrew W. Edson of New York on "The Modern School; Its Strength and Weakness."

There were conferences this afternoon for the teachers of the secondary schools, the elementary schools and the department of superintendents. At the secondary school conference, Prin. Ernest H. Ham of Randolph presided. Prin. B. C. Rodgers of Montpelier discussed "The Place of History in the Secondary School." Miss Mary C. Tewksbury of Rutland had a paper on "Aims and Methods in Teaching Ancient History," and Miss Harriet Towne of Burlington spoke on the topic, "Teaching Medieval and Modern History."

Prin. E. S. Watson of Newport presided at the elementary school conference. The following subjects were discussed: "Practical Mathematics for Grammar Grades," Prin. George S. Wright, Northfield; "Mental Arithmetic—Aims and Methods," Miss Amy Drake, St. Johnsbury; "Field and Laboratory Work in Arithmetic," Supt. Edward H. Dorsey, Ludlow.

Masson S. Stone of Montpelier, state superintendent of schools, presided at the conference of superintendents. The speaker was Hon. A. W. Edson, whose topic was "Reports from the Field."

To-day's registration of teachers reached \$50.

LAST DAY OF SESSION.

By Independent Order of Foresters of
Vermont at Burlington.

Burlington, Oct. 16.—The last day's session of the second biennial convention of the high court of Vermont, Independent Order of Foresters, was held yesterday afternoon in the city hall. Officers were elected and installed, the installing officers being James Ellis, high chief ranger of the high court of Quebec.

The morning at 8:30 o'clock the visiting delegates visited Prof. Ethan Allen, where an exhibition review of the troops was given. All of the delegates expressed themselves as much pleased with this feature and mentally extended many thanks to Major Meeker.

Officers were elected in the afternoon as follows: High chief ranger, E. A. Cook of Newport; high vice-chief ranger, W. O. Williams of West Pawlet; high secretary, G. O. Mitchell of St. Albans; high treasurer, J. O. Kibbald of Enosburg Falls; high physician, Dr. J. R. Grimes of Montpelier; high counselor, W. C. White of Middlesex, high auditors, W. B. Jolley of West Berkshire, Morris E. Fells of West Pawlet.

The following appointive officers were named: High orator, Mrs. Avis Leavitt of Newport; high secretary, D. M. Rose of Enosburg Falls; high organizer, Mrs. W. O. Williams of West Pawlet; high senior woodward, Thomas Butler of Lebanon; high junior woodward, W. L. French of Enosburg Falls; high master, G. H. Anderson of Franklin; high conductor, J. J. Craft of Burlington; high messenger, W. O. Hutchins of Washington.

DEMAND THE RELEASE
OF FIVE CHINAMENAction Will Be Taken Soon By At-
torney Robert Moore of New York in
Burlington Arrest Cases.

St. Albans, Oct. 16.—Robert Moore, a New York attorney, will soon make application to United States district court Judge Martin for a writ of habeas corpus to produce before the United States commissioner or the district court the five Chinamen who were arrested in Burlington last week. The men are now at the detention house in Bingham under charge of Inspector A. L. Weeks, charged with violating the Chinese exclusion act. It is claimed that the Chinamen are unlawfully held as this place is to be used for the purpose of keeping Chinamen who were trying to get into the United States and not in cases of those already in the country.

The five Chinamen and a white man, A. Lamotte, were arrested on the Wisconsin road in Burlington. Charles Ling of the same city was arrested, charged with smuggling his countrymen into the United States, and both he and Lamotte are held under heavy bail. The right of the inspector to pass upon the legality of foreigners being in the country is also in question. The points are so intricate that the case may go to the United States supreme court.

A FAST FILLY.

The Leading Lady Paced a Mile in
2:07 at Lexington.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 16.—A new world's record for two-year-old fillies was established at the trotting meeting yesterday when the Leading Lady paced a mile in 2:07 in a successful effort to lower her mark of 2:11½.

Benvolo won the three-year-old event in straight heats from Justo, the favorite.

Lady Jones, the strong advance favorite, won the 2:12 trot in easy fashion. Allen Winter, who won the West stakes yesterday and who has won the Roadville handicap and other good races in the grand circuit, was purchased by I. Schlesinger of Vienna, Austria, for \$50,000. Allen Winter is a brown horse by Ed. Winter, dam Miss Quo, and he will be raced in Austria next season.

MANY RESUME
WORK AT LYNNReturn of Some Lasters Per-
mits Other Workmen

ARE STILL DIFFERENCES

Anarchists from Barre and Paterson Are
Said to Have Gone to Lynn—
They Are Being Closely
Watched.

Lynn, Mass., Oct. 16.—Many shoe factories opened to-day with several hundred lasters and thousands of other shoe workers returned to work. A notice was posted that the Joseph Cant factory, where the lasters' strike was precipitated, which said it would open Monday. There is little doubt that the most of the workers will return, pending a settlement of the differences.

Only about 5,000 out of the 20,000 workers were able to resume work to-day. The rest were told there was not sufficient work on hand. It is hoped all shops will be able to open with a full complement of men by Monday.

Since the strike began, it has developed that from Barre, Vt., and Paterson, N. J., men alleged to be anarchists have come to this city. Some of them, it is said, were very prominent at the meetings of the lasters, and cards of admission to the meetings. The police have the names of these alleged anarchists and they will be closely watched.

PAPER MAKERS ON STRIKE.

Ordered Out of Berlin Mills By Presi-
dent of Brotherhood.

Berlin, N. H., Oct. 16.—The paper-makers working in the Cascade River-side mills, independent concerns, were ordered to go out on strike yesterday in a telegram received by the local brotherhood of papermakers, from President Carey of the International Brotherhood in Watertown, N. Y.

While the telegram is not explicit, the local papermakers state the trouble comes over the claim that the independent mills are making paper for the International company's mills, where the men have been on strike for several weeks.

The strike order of today affects 100 papermakers who, if they go out, will throw 600 employees, altogether, out of work in the two mills affected.

The papermakers had a meeting last night at which it was decided to send a telegram asking explanation of the order.

It is understood the order affects papermakers in independent mills in five localities.

GOOD TEMPLARS ADJOURN.

M. B. Morgan of Bennington is New
Chief Templar.

At the closing session at the grand lodge of Good Templars held yesterday in Montpelier, a vote of thanks was extended to retiring Chief Templar Chauncey H. Hayden of Jericho who has held that position for the past 15 years. The report of the secretary showed 31 lodges in the state with a total membership of 1,062. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Chief Templar, M. B. Morgan of Bennington; counselor, C. D. Edgerton of Northfield; vice-templar, Miss Clara Darling of Marshfield; secretary, E. M. Campbell of Lyndonville; treasurer, W. F. Bump of Salisbury; superintendent of juvenile temples, Mrs. B. A. Sumner of Montpelier; electoral superintendent, Frank Plumley of Northfield; delegates to the national meeting, C. H. Hayden of Jericho, E. A. Campbell and Mrs. E. M. Hazen of St. Johnsbury.

The legislature having granted the use of representative hall last evening to the grand lodge, a public meeting was held there at which addresses were made by C. H. Hayden of Jericho, Miss Edith Willis of Boston and Congressman-elect Frank Plumley of Northfield.

INDICTMENT FOUND
AGAINST YOUTHChauncey Bryant of South Canaan Held
For Shooting Melrose Bliss The
Last of August.

Coldham, Oct. 16.—An indictment was found against Chauncey Bryant of South Canaan, who was held for the grand jury by Justice Green for the shooting of Melrose Bliss the last of August. The case continued until the next session of court, when it is expected the boy will be released on probation if his conduct in the meantime seems to justify such a cause.

MRS. LUCINDA OWEN

Died Last Night in Montpelier, Aged 78
Years.

Mrs. Lucinda Owen died at her home in Montpelier last night, aged 78 years. She was born in Bethel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McIntyre, and was married fifty years ago. Her husband died three years ago. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. John Hill of Montpelier, and a brother, Samuel of Northfield. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

AN ESTATE SUE.

Addison County Man Wants \$1,000 in
Supreme Court.

The case heard in the Vermont supreme court today was that of J. E. Cowles vs. Julius Cowles, administrator, coming up on exceptions from Addison county court. The plaintiff seeks to recover \$1,000 for services rendered and for the board of J. E. Cowles. In the lower court he got a verdict of \$75.

VERMONT AUTOISTS
SATISFIED WITH LAWThey Decide Not to Make Any Move
Toward Changing the Present Reg-
ulations—W. W. Brown of
Springfield President.

Nearly one hundred of the 315 members of the Automobile Club of Vermont gathered at the Pavilion Hotel in Montpelier yesterday afternoon for their annual meeting. Forty of the members went to Montpelier to their machine and the autos when lined up on State street during the meeting made quite a sight. There was considerable discussion over automobile legislation, and the prevailing sentiment seemed to be that the present motor car law is generally satisfactory. The invitation of W. H. Vail, proprietor of the Berwick House, Rutland, for the club to hold its annual meeting at that hotel next year was accepted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: president, W. W. Brown of Springfield; vice-president, A. C. Whiting of Burlington; J. M. Routwell of Montpelier; secretary and treasurer, L. H. Green of Montpelier; director, C. H. Slocum of Morrisville; committee on legislation, J. M. Boutwell and G. E. White of Montpelier, C. C. Warren of Waterbury.

STATE TAX RECEIPTS
FOR LAST SIX MONTHSLess from Railroad and More from Sav-
ings Banks Than During the
Same Period in the Pre-
vious Year.

State Treasurer Deavitt reported today that the receipts of the state for railroad taxes for the last six months of the recent fiscal year were about \$8,000 less than for the corresponding time during the preceding year. The total received for the last six months was \$85,600.50, against \$91,507.27 before. He received considerably more, however, from savings banks, the total for the six months being \$200,125.00, against \$195,508.74 for the same period during the previous year. The time for paying these taxes closed last night.

A COMMISSION WITHOUT PAY.

Will Be Asked For to Save Vermont's
Forests.

A public meeting in the interest of forestry in Vermont will be held in representative hall, Montpelier, Thursday evening, October 22. It is expected that Prof. J. W. Toumey of New Haven, Conn., and the Hon. James S. Whipple, forest, fish and game commissioner of New York, will address the meeting. It has seemed best to the executive committee to call the regular annual meeting for the above date, believing that a larger attendance can be secured than at a later time.

It is also the opinion of the executive committee that the time has come when Vermont should take an important step forward in forestry matters.

Largely through the efforts of a committee on publicity, the newspapers have for some months been giving considerable attention to forestry. At a meeting of the executive committee, attended also by the governor, lieutenant governor, and a number of Vermont's leading citizens, held in Burlington last summer, the appointment of a legislative committee was authorized consisting of Messrs. Jones, DeBoer, Fletcher, Fitts and Hitchcock.

It has prepared a bill which will be introduced early in the session. This bill establishes a forestry commission, to consist of the governor, secretary of the board of agriculture, director of the experiment station, and two appointees of the governor, to serve without pay and to have general charge of forestry matters. They are to appoint an expert forester. The bill also contemplates the acquisition of waste lands by the state from time to time to be developed under the supervision of the forester. It calls for an annual appropriation of \$10,000. The immediate object of the meeting is to forward this bill.

WATER IS VERY LOW
IN MONTEPIERUnless Rain Comes Before Monday The
City Department May Be Forced
to Shut Off Flow at Periods.

The shortage of city water in Montpelier has reached that critical stage that the department is now being called on at any time to shut off the water from its patrons for all except an hour or so each day. A pump has been ordered to pump from the upper into the lower pond at Berlin, but the pump cannot reach here from Boston before Monday. If, then, there is no rain before Monday, that city will be badly off indeed. Supt. Smith of the water department says that there is now but to inches supply in the reservoir above the ruins, that is, only two inches which will run into the pipes. The shortage is causing some uneasiness among the property owners who fear what might happen in case of a serious fire.

DEFENSE MAY ADVANCE
SUICIDE THEORYIn Case Brought by Woman Against a
Barre Quarry Company for the
Death of Her Husband.

Several witnesses were put on the stand in Washington county court today to testify for the plaintiff in the damage suit brought by Alice Burns, administratrix, against the Boutwell, Milne, Varnum company, for the death of her husband, Herman Boutwell, two years ago at the defendant's quarry. E. A. Davis, a quarryman, E. G. Smith, a driller, and A. L. Blaine, a leader, were those who testified this forenoon. The case will probably run into the middle of next week. What the defense will be is not known at present, but there are hints that it will advance the suicide theory.

IN INTERESTS
OF EMPLOYESBill Introduced in Vermont
Legislature To-day

BY LEARY OF BURLINGTON

Some of the Members Are Fighting
Against So Long Adjournments—The
Other Doings of the Day at the
State House.

State House, Oct. 16. "No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave of absence, is sick or unable to attend" was the war cry from the rules of the House sounded in the House this morning by John L. Bacon of Hartford, former state treasurer, who introduced a resolution providing for a roll call on Tuesdays and Fridays. Mr. Bacon stated that the members of the House were getting paid for seven days' work, and they ought to be at least do five days' work.

Speaker Cheney indorsed what Mr. Bacon had to say, calling attention to the large amount of work that had to be done and to the folly of leaving it until the last day. The sentiment seemed to be that the House should be all through some time before January, slipshodly speaking.

This resolution was adopted with great gusto, and when Speaker Cheney called for the reading of the roll in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, every member looked pleased at being in his seat. Out of the 245 members, Clerk Plumley had absent marks against 66 at end of the reading.

In the Senate, after this morning's business had been transacted, an attempt was made to adjourn until Monday afternoon, but this body would not stand for this and voted to adjourn until 2 this afternoon.

In the House six bills were introduced this morning. DeBoer of Montpelier put in the city hall bill, authorizing the city to bond for \$75,000 for the purpose. It will be remembered that the project was deferred on the pretense that the amount authorized by the last legislature was not sufficient to carry out the work.

Mr. Hitchcock of Pittsford introduced a bill creating a state board of forestry, consisting of the governor, the director of the Vermont agricultural experiment station, the secretary of the state board of agriculture, ex-officio, and two citizens to be appointed by the governor. There is no provision for compensation, but their expenses are to be paid. It provides for the appointment of a state forester, professionally trained, at a salary not to exceed \$2,500, traveling and field expenses to be paid by the state; he shall be the state fire warden. The sum of \$10,000 is annually appropriated for the purpose of this act.

The employers' liability act came into the House this morning and it was drawn up by Mr. Leary of Burlington, with the following provisions:

An employer shall be liable to his employee, or in case of employee's death, to his personal representative for the benefit of the surviving wife or husband and next of kin, in damages for all personal injuries which result from negligence of the employer, his officers, agents or employees; and the fact that the employee may have been guilty of contributory negligence shall not bar recovery, when his negligence was slight and that the employer was gross in comparison; damages to be diminished by the jury in proportion to the amount of negligence of the injured employee; all questions of negligence and assumption of risk shall be questions of fact for the jury. Does not apply to domestic servants or farm laborers. (This was referred to the judiciary committee.) The date for the election of a senator to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Proctor was set in the House at 2:05 in the afternoon of October 20, and for the regular election of the other United States senator. On October 21, the next day, the two houses meet in joint assembly and repeat their vote at high noon.

The